<u>**STATUS OF CLAIMS**</u>

1.   (Currently Amended) A method <u>for controlling a computer system</u> for tracking prescriptive medication, to address and control prescription drug abuse, <u>the computer system comprising a processor and a connection between the processor and a plurality of entities, the entities having pharmaceutical data related to prescriptive medication purchases by a plurality of purchasers from a time of the connection between the processor and the entity,</u> said method comprising:

providing ~~respective computer~~ connections <u>from the processor</u> to [[a]] <u>the</u> plurality of entities, said plurality of entities comprising a plurality of ~~both~~ affiliated and unaffiliated pharmacies;

obtaining and storing <u>the</u> pharmaceutical data related to <u>the</u> prescriptive medication purchases by ~~a plurality of~~ <u>the</u> purchasers from said plurality of ~~affiliated and unaffiliated pharmacies~~ <u>entities</u>;

selectively transferring said pharmaceutical data through said ~~computer~~ connections to at least one of said plurality of entities for obtaining a complete prescriptive history of ~~a selected prescriptive medication~~ <u>the</u> purchaser, the complete prescriptive history comprising all prescriptive medications purchased in the aggregate by ~~said selected prescriptive medication~~ <u>the</u> purchaser from all of said <u>plurality of entities</u> ~~plurality of affiliated and unaffiliated pharmacies~~ based on ~~said transferred~~ <u>the</u> pharmaceutical ~~computer~~ data; and

generating <u>via the processor</u> from said complete prescriptive history of ~~said selected~~ <u>the</u> purchaser one or more ~~electronic~~ patterns which flag prescriptive drug abuse.

2.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] <u>The</u> method of Claim 1, further comprising:

providing that said at least one of said plurality of entities comprises a physician's office and ~~said selected prescriptive medication~~ <u>the</u> purchaser is a patient of said physician; and

said physician's office utilizing said pharmaceutical ~~computer~~ data to verify said <u>complete</u> prescriptive history of ~~said selected prescriptive medication~~ <u>the</u> purchaser.

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3.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

providing that said at least one of said plurality of entities comprises a pharmacy with a pharmacist;

~~said selected prescriptive medication~~ the purchaser requesting that said pharmacist fill a new prescriptive medication; and

said pharmacist utilizing said pharmaceutical ~~computer~~ data to compare said new prescriptive medication with respect to said complete prescriptive history of ~~said selected prescriptive medication~~ the purchaser.

4.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 3, further comprising:

said pharmacist accepting or declining to fill said new prescriptive medication based on said complete prescriptive history.

5.   (Cancelled)

6.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

providing that at least one of said plurality of entities comprises a hospital and ~~said selected prescriptive medication~~ the purchaser is a patient of said hospital; and

said hospital utilizing said pharmaceutical ~~computer~~ data to determine said complete prescriptive history of ~~said selected prescriptive medication~~ the purchaser.

7.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

providing that said pharmaceutical ~~computer~~ data for each of said prescriptive medication purchases comprises a name of ~~a respective prescriptive medication~~ the purchaser, an address of ~~said respective prescriptive medication~~ the purchaser, a drug prescribed, ~~said respective prescriptive medication purchaser,~~ a quantity of said drug, a dosage of said drug, a pharmacist name, and a doctor name.

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8.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

searching ~~said stored~~ the pharmaceutical ~~computer~~ data based on one or more of said name of ~~a respective prescriptive medication~~ the purchaser, said address of ~~said respective prescriptive medication~~ the purchaser, said drug prescribed~~, said respective prescriptive medication purchaser~~, said quantity of said drug, said dosage of said drug, said pharmacist name, and said doctor name.

9.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

storing via the computer system the pharmaceutical data related to whether a request for filling a prescriptive medication is filled or declined.

10.   (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising:

providing that at least one of said plurality of entities comprises a government agency.

11-21. (Cancelled)

22.   (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a computer system for tracking prescriptive medications, to address and control prescription drug abuse, the computer system comprising a processor and a connection between the processor and a plurality of entities, the entities having pharmaceutical data related to prescriptive medication purchases by a plurality of purchasers from a time of the connection between the processor and the entity, said method comprising:

 providing respective computer connections from the processor to [[a]] the plurality of entities, said plurality of entities being a group consisting essentially of a plurality of hospitals, a plurality of doctors, at least one government agency, or combinations thereof;

 obtaining and storing the pharmaceutical computer data relating to prescriptive medication purchases by [[a]] the plurality of prescriptive medication purchasers from a plurality of pharmacies;

 selectively transferring said pharmaceutical computer data through said computer connections to at least one of said plurality of entities for obtaining a complete prescriptive history of a selected prescriptive medication purchaser, the complete prescriptive history comprising all prescriptive medications purchased in the aggregate by said selected prescriptive medication the purchaser from all of said plurality of pharmacies based on said transferred pharmaceutical computer data; and

 generating from said complete prescription prescriptive history of said selected the purchaser one or more patterns which flag prescriptive drug abuse.

23.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein the one or more patterns generated from the prescription complete prescriptive history indicate prescription duplication, multi-source prescription abuse, or combinations thereof.

24.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more patterns generated from the prescription complete prescriptive history indicate prescription duplication, multi-source prescription abuse, or combinations thereof.